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RE: United States Patent Application for GENETIC MARKERS FOR
 AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER by Carol A. Wise
 (Our Ref: TEX871/4-006US/36000)

Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 51-page patent specification, including 53 claims and an abstract. Also included are formal drawings for Figures 1-2, on 2 sheets and our check in the amount of \$877.00 in payment of the basic filing fee (\$370.00), fee for independent claims in excess of three (\$210.00), and total claims in excess of 20 (\$297.00).

A paper copy of a sequence listing, disk with sequence listing in computer readable form, and sequence verification statement are being filed concurrently with this application and addressed to: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202. A copy of the transmittal letter is enclosed.

The specification, drawings and sequence listing constitute the application of Carol A. Wise.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor's Declaration and Assignment, and a Power of Attorney. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.



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